

2002 RECIPROCITY UPDATE

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND TREATIES

Residents of countries that are signatories to the 1949 United Nations Convention on Road Traffic may drive in this country if they have a valid license from their country of residence. An international driving permit is not required (see Treaties and International Acts, Section 2487 and US Treaties 3 UST 3008).

For licenses that are not in English, an interpreter may be required to determine the license's validity.

Courts and law enforcement officials should not take and destroy foreign driver licenses pursuant to Section 625g.

Besides the United States, listed below are the countries that honor international driving permits:

Afghanistan*	Chad*	Gibraltar	Lebanon	Norway	Sudan
Albania	Chile	Greece	Lesotho	Oman*	Suriname
Algeria	Colombia*	Grenada	Liberia*	Panama	Swaziland
Andorra	Congo	Guatemala	Libya	Papua New Guinea	Sweden
Angola	Costa Rica*	Guernsey	Liechtenstein*	Peru	Switzerland
Antigua**/**	Cuba	Guinea-Bissau*	Luxembourg	Paraguay	Syria
Argentina	Curacao	Guinea*	Macao*	Philippines	Taiwan
Australia	Cyprus	Guyana	Madagascar	Poland	Tanzania
Austria	Czech Rep	Haiti	Malawi	Portugal	Thailand
Bahamas	Denmark	Honduras*	Malaysia	Qatar*	Togo
Bahrain*	Djibouti*	Hong Kong	Mali	Romania	Trinidad & Tobago
Bangladesh	Dominica**	Hungary	Malta	Russia*	Tunisia
Barbados**	Dominican Rep.	Iceland	Mauritania*	Rwanda	Turkey
Belgium	Ecuador	Indonesia*	Mauritius	San Marino	Uganda
Belize	Egypt	Iran*	Mexico*	Sao Tome & Principe*	United Arab Emirates*
Benin	El Salvador*	Ireland	Monaco	Saudi Arabia*	United Kingdom
Bhutan*	Ethiopia*	Israel	Montserrat**/**	Senegal	Upper Volta
Bolivia*	Fiji	Italy	Morocco	Seychelles	(Burkina Faso)*
Botswana	Finland	Ivory Coast	Mozambique*	Sierra Leone	Vatican City
Brunei*	France (including	Jamaica	Namibia*	Singapore	Venezuela
Bulgaria	French Overseas	Japan	Nepal*	South Africa	Vietnam
Burma*	Territories)	Jersey	Netherlands	Spain	Western Samoa
Cambodia	French Polynesia	Jordan	Nevis & Anguilla**/**	Sri Lanka	Yemen*
Canada	Gabon	Kenya*	New Caledonia	St. Lucia	Yugoslavia
Cape Verde Islands*	Gambia	Korea Rep.	New Zealand	St. Christopher	Zaire
Cayman Islands	Germany	Kuwait*	Nicaragua*	St. Vincent & The	Zambia
Central African Rep.	Ghana	Laos	Niger	Grenadines	Zimbabwe

*Not part of 1949 Convention: International Driving Permit Honored.

**U.S. driver license and International Driving Permit recognized on presentation to local police and payment of Special Registration Fee upon arrival.

***Contracting states which honor inter-American driving permits (Convention on Regulation of Inter-American Motor Vehicle Traffic of American States, Washington, D.C. 1943) as of June 1993.

SPECIAL RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT

Under MCL 257.302a, the department must publish a list of countries whose residents need not obtain a Michigan driver license to operate a vehicle in this state based on a special agreement, provided they are licensed in their country of residence and they do not receive compensation for vehicle operation. These special agreements allow Michigan residents whose employment requires them to travel in foreign countries to obtain foreign driving privileges and licenses at reduced rates. **Currently only France and Germany are on the list.**

Notice to the Courts, Prosecuting Attorneys, and Law Enforcement Agencies Regarding Reciprocal Driving Privileges

Pursuant to Section 302a(2) of the Michigan Vehicle Code [1949 PA 300, as amended by 1990 PA 181; MCL 257.302a; MSA 9.2002(1)], please take notice that reciprocal driving privileges were extended to France effective January 4, 1991, and to The Federal Republic of Germany effective November 10, 1997. This means that a person holding a valid driver license issued by France or Germany may operate a passenger vehicle in Michigan on such a license.

Please take further notice that the reciprocal driving privileges extended to France and Germany have not been withdrawn.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please call the Michigan Department of State, Compliance Division, at (517) 373-8252.